Mr. Narayana Reddi.—The Government have derived an income of Rs. 3,000 and odd in the shape of penalties and fines, while nothing is recovered under this head in a big Presidency like Madras. This certainly is an indication that the people are really feeling the hardship of paying the tax in two instalments. It is very necessary that arrangements should be made to recover the tax in four instalments.

Dewan.—The question of recovering the tax in four instalments will be considered.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurti Rao.—Income-tax may be abolished and a new tax imposed as in England.

SUBJECT No. 16.

Exempting from liability to pay Income-tax concerhs yielding income of less than Rs. 2,400 per partner.

Mr. A. Srikantappa, Dodballapur Municipality.

Mr. A. Srikantappa.—It is laid down that no tax should be imposed upon an income which is less than Rs. 2,400. If a business is carried on by a number of persons as partners, the principal man is taxed for the whole income, instead of each partner being taxed for his share of the income. This is causing much hardship to the poor merchants. Therefore, whenever the income is distributed among the partners and the income after distribution is less than Rs. 2,400, an exemption may be granted.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurti Rao.—Under the present system of levying Income-tax, poor people are put to much trouble. To avoid all this, the tax on income may be abolished entirely and some other uniform tax imposed. I have a few papers connected with this subject which I shall submit to Government, if desired.

Second Member of Council.—If the Companies are registered, the difficulties will disappear. It is not possible to consider this question.

Dewan.—Such Companies should be registered.

REVENUE—(FORESTS).

(*Nos. 17 to 22.*)

SUBJECT No. 17.

Re-investing Deputy Commissioners with control over forest administration in the district.

Mr. Kere Krishnappa, Gudibanda Sub-Taluk.

Mr. Kere Krishnappa.—When Deputy Commissioners had control of the forest administration of the district, there was no trouble to the public in forest matters. Since they have been divested of the control, much inconvenience has been caused to people in general. Hence it is prayed that the former system may be restored and the control of forest matters of the district vested in the Deputy Commissioner.

First Member of Council.—The State Forests are under the direct control of the Forest Department, while the other district jungles are still under the control of the Deputy Commissioner. Experience has shown that the State Forests are better administered by the Forest Department than by the Revenue Department.

Dewan.—In 1920 a committee was appointed to investigate this question. The report has been received and orders will issue shortly. We shall see for sometime how the present arrangement will work, and then we may consider this question again if necessary.